

Claim 1, wherein the trivalent metal ( $M^3$ ) in said formula is aluminum.

18. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein the divalent metal ( $M^2$ ) in said formula is magnesium and the trivalent metal ( $M^3$ ) in said formula is aluminum

19. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are sulfuric acid ions.

20. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are carbonic acid ions.

21. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are silicic acid ions.

22. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are organocarboxylic acid ions.

23. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are phosphoric acid ions.

24. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1, wherein said composite metal polybasic salt has a laminate asymmetric index (Is) defined by the following formula (2),

$$I_s = \tan\theta_2 / \tan\theta_1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

wherein  $\theta_1$  is an angle subtended by a peak perpendicular in the X-ray diffraction peak of a predetermined spacing and a peak tangent on the narrow angle side, and  $\theta_2$  is an angle subtended by the peak perpendicular at the above peak and a peak tangent on the wide angle side,

which is not smaller than 1.5 at a peak of  $2\theta = 33$  to  $50^\circ$ .

25. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 24, wherein the divalent metal ( $M^2$ ) is magnesium and the trivalent metal ( $M^3$ ) in said formula is aluminum.

26. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 25, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are sulfuric acid ions.

27. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 25, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are carbonic acid ions.

28. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 25, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are silicic acid ions.

29. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 25, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are organocarboxylic acid ions.

30. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 25, wherein the anions (A) in said formula are phosphoric

acid ions.

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31. (New) An additive for resins comprising a composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1.

32. (New) A heat insulator comprising a composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1.

33. (New) An anion-exchanger comprising a composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 1.

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34. (New) An anion-exchanger according to Claim 33, wherein the anions of the composite metal polybasic salt are sulfuric acid ions.

35. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 2, wherein the divalent metal ( $M^2$ ) in said formula is magnesium.

36. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 2, wherein the trivalent metal ( $M^3$ ) in said formula is aluminum.

37. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 2, wherein the divalent metal ( $M^2$ ) in said formula is magnesium and the trivalent metal ( $M^3$ ) in said formula is aluminum.

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38. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to Claim 2 wherein the anions (A) in said formula are sulfuric acid ions, carbonic acid ions, silicic acid ions, organopolycarboxylic acid ions, or phosphoric acid ions.

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39. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to